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time, Sir. The Government did not consider it necessary to constitute a committee because there was no question of interviewing the applicants before selection."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether any complaint has been received pointing out any irregularity in the selection of candidates to this Institute? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of any such complaint, Sir."

Annual produce of sugarcane in this State.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total annual produce in tons of sugarcane in this State;

(*b*) the total produce in the South Arcot district alone; and

(*c*) the total requirement of sugar in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

List of Newspapers, institutions, etc., supplied with Government publications free of charge.

* 149 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House (i) a list of institutions and individuals included in the list of persons eligible for supply of papers placed on the Editors' table;

(ii) a list of newspapers eligible for free supply of Government publications; and

(iii) a list of newspapers for which Government advertisements are generally given;

(*b*) to state what State papers are generally placed on the Editors' table; and

(*c*) whether Members of the State Legislature are supplied from time to time all important Government Orders and communiques of a general nature; and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Lists [b] are placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Administration Reports are generally placed on the Editors' table.

" (*c*) No, Sir; there is no need to supply copies of Press communiquès and Government Orders to the Members."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 508 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 509-515 infra.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" With reference to items 31 and 32 in List I—vide paper placed on the table of the House, may I know why all the papers are not communicated to the Members of the Legislature instead of sending them only such papers as are called for? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It will be quite unnecessary to send all the papers to the Members because Members may not be interested in many of these subjects."

SRI S. SRINIVASA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any rule or principle as a result of which advertisements are denied to the opposition Press? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is not a question of the opposition Press being denied. On other considerations they may not be entitled to the advertisement."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the supply of Government publications free of charge to all the public libraries that are being started under the Madras Public Libraries Act? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider the question Sir."

Provision of Provident Fund or bonus for permanent servants paid out of contingencies in Government institutions.

* 150 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any provision of Provident Fund or bonus for permanent servants paid out of contingencies in Government institutions; and

(*b*) if not, whether Government propose to provide for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Government servants paid from contingencies are not eligible for the benefits of any Provident Fund. The Government do not also propose to provide Provident Fund benefits for these employees. But under the Madras Retiring and Invalid Gratuities (Non-Pensionable Establishment) Rules, Government servants paid out of contingencies, who have rendered a service of over five years, are, on retirement, eligible for a gratuity at the rate of half a month's pay for every completed year of service subject to a maximum of fifteen months' pay."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" Is that rule in force in the case of the local board schools also, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."